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What did you find most surprising, interesting, or relevant to today's educational contexts?

After reading chapters two and three of Foundations of American Education I was surprised to see how much of the teachings from the Ancient Greeks and Romans are still being used in classroom of all levels today. I knew that we were taught about their past civilizations in history classes because of their grate cultural impact on Europe and areas around the Mediterranean. I also was somewhat aware of the impact these civilizations had on the advancements made in the medical and in technological fields. However, I guess I just never thought about their contributions having an effect on the educational field as well. I was particularly surprised to see the topic of equality in education for the ‘”Common Man” (the everyday laborer) and equality in education for women appear so early in history. I always was under the impression that gender equality was a rather new topic of discussion. Especially since we in the United States still have a gender pay gap. However, I am aware that gender equality has played pivotal roles in a majority of major historical events such as the French revolution.